

'I've Come Back From The War Believing In Hell'—Says Idah McGlone Gibson

Author of "Confessions of a Wife," Who Has Just Returned from a Trip to Europe, Where She Went Under the Auspices of the American Red Cross and the Daily West Virginian.

(Editor's Note—Mrs. Idah McGlone Gibson, author of "Confessions of a Wife," has just returned from the war, where she went on a special mission for the American Red Cross and The West Virginian.) She is writing her experience and observations "over there" in a special series of articles, of which this is the first. Others will follow at frequent intervals.—Editor of The West Virginian. (Copyright, 1918, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)

I have just returned from France, where I have been "Everywhere with the American Red Cross"—and to inspect the activities of the Red Cross "over there," means seeing war in all its impressive horror, for just now the American Red Cross is binding up the crimson wound of the whole warring world.

My first vivid impression of war I received just before I left America. I met one afternoon Captain Latham of the Connaught Rangers, which was one of the little army of "contemptibles" sent by England to France in 11 days after war was declared between England and Germany. These men are perhaps prouder of the medal commemorating that glorious "run away" to the Marne, where the Germans lost the war—although it does not seem yet to have penetrated their thick skulls—that they are of their Victoria Crosses.

This young Irish captain has been wounded five times and gassed once, and is one of only five left of the original quota of his regiment. He was and is still over here on recruiting duty, but he told me that he was going back very soon to join his regiment—the regiment of which he does not know a man, the other four survivors of the original quota being so disabled they cannot return.

His story—and it is most interesting—I am going to tell later, but I have just said this much to try and make one of the things he said as vivid to those who read this as it was to me.

I had told him what I expected to see over there, and we had some way strayed to a discussion of the great spiritual awakening war brings to almost every soldier.

"I don't care what your religion is, Mrs. Gibson," he at last said earnestly. "I don't care whether you are Protestant, Catholic, or Jew, but I do know this, if you go over there and you see what you will see with the Red Cross as your guide and friend, you will come back believing in God—Believing in God, as sure as hell."

And that is one thing I learned most thoroughly when I came in contact with French, English and American soldiers who had been in the trenches—that they believe in God, whatever may have been their belief before.

Perhaps not in the thoroughly orthodox way that we have been taught to believe is the way to everlasting life. But they certainly have a good enough faith to fight by and die with.

I felt as I talked with those who had faced death in the trenches that they had faced God.

And most solemn are a cursing lot. Words that have never been thought of by men in time of peace rise to the surface when those men speak of a foe as malignantly cruel and savage as the Hun, but nevertheless I found all these men have made their peace with God in a way that



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LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Nurses Monthly Meeting.
The regular monthly meeting of the Graduate Nurses Association of Marion county will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Cook hospital. Miss Margaret Leatham president of the association will preside at the meeting.

Recovering Nicely.
Miss Draxie Baker, a student nurse at Cook hospital who was operated on last week for appendicitis is making an excellent recovery. Her sister, Miss Lucretia Baker is nursing the case.

Addressing Missionary Society.
Miss Crawford, of the Holloway Deaconess home, in Bridgeport, O., is addressing the Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church this afternoon at the church. The hostesses are Mrs. A. B. Cole and Mrs. W. R. Crane.

No First Aid Tonight.
The First Aid class conducted weekly at Red Cross headquarters by Dr. E. W. Howard will not meet tonight. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19.

Here On Visit.
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Herbert, of Anthony, Kas., arrived here today on a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Helen Holbert and daughter, Miss Sina Holbert, at Edgemont. This is the former's first visit here in nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holbert, of Pittsburgh, will arrive here tonight or tomorrow to complete the family reunion.

Marriage Announced.
Cards have been received here from Wheeling, W. Va., announcing the marriage of Miss Clara Helen Jones to John Wesley Pence which was solemnized on Friday, November 16, in Wheeling. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones, formerly of Sistersville and a grand daughter of Mrs. Clara Jones and of J. W. Faust of this city. She is well known here where she has frequently visited.

Celebrated Birthday Anniversary.
Mrs. Eber D. Morgan a well known resident of Marion county on Sunday celebrated her seventy-seventh birthday anniversary at her home near Farmington. A birthday dinner featured the celebration at which members of her family, including her children and grand children, were guests. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are prominent residents of the county and are universally admired and respected.

Taken Up Residence.
Mrs. W. P. Flaherty formerly of Parkersburg who had been the guest of Mrs. M. D. Christie for several weeks has taken up her residence in the E. H. Taylor property on Walnut avenue and Fourth street. Her son, Campbell Flaherty, has been located here for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Brophy and little daughter, of Cincinnati are now guests of Mrs. Flaherty's mother, Mrs. Flaherty, en route to New York where they will reside.

Married in City.
Miss Anna Grace Armstrong, of Peebles, O., and Harry S. Bayless of Los Angeles, Cal., who is now employed here, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the First M. E. church, the Rev. C. E. Goodwin officiating. Mr. Bayless was injured in an accident several weeks ago which occurred at the Monongah glass plant where he was employed had just been dismissed from the hospital and Miss Armstrong was here, having come on account of his serious illness. They have taken up their residence here.

PERSONALS

Harry Cassell has returned from Grafton where he had spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cassell.

Mrs. A. H. Thayer has returned to Grafton after a several days visit to her mother, Mrs. W. A. Samsell and her sister, Mrs. John Irwin.

Miss Bertie Lucas spent Monday in Grafton with her sister, Mrs. George Coppage.

Mrs. Lucy Bryan and Miss Hazel Bock, of Farmington, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Principal George H. Colebank, of the High school is confined to his home on Bononi avenue suffering from a vaccinated arm.

Miss Ruth Evans of Baltimore who had been the guest of Mrs. W. Nelson Beale at her home on Bononi avenue, left today for Chicago where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Harry B. Crane of Clarksburg is the guest of relatives and friends in the city for several days.

Master Frank Conley is ill at the

JUST AS BEN BECOMES PAPA. UP BOBS THAT OLD SENTENCE FOR BIRTH CONTROL WORK



Dr. Ben L. Reitman, his bride of a year, and their three-week-old son.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Consider the case of Dr. Ben L. Reitman.

"Pretty tough," his friends say, "pretty tough."

Reitman used to scout about the country with Anarchist Emma Goldman spreading the doctrine of birth control. A year and a half ago he was arrested in Cleveland, after distributing pamphlets on "Why and How the Poor Should Not Have Children."

Judge Dan E. Cull gave him a fine of \$1,000 and costs and six months in the workhouse.

Then, about a year ago, Reitman got married. He quit the birth control publicity work. He settled down in Chicago to practice medicine. His practice grew. He was made head of a clinical division of the Chicago Health Department. He aimed the

traff boards in making physical examinations.

Three weeks ago a baby boy arrived at his home.

And then, in his first proud days as a father, word came that the court of appeals at Cleveland had upheld Cull's decision and that he would have to serve his sentence.

But Ben announced that he'd go, in a few days, to start his sentence. He still believes in the birth control movement—"in voluntary motherhood" as he puts it.

Friends of Reitman at Cleveland asked Judge Cull whether, in view of Reitman's change of occupation, he would have to serve. Cull replied that "he certainly will, so far as I am concerned."

Every War Saving Stamp you buy helps feed the boys at the front.

Kortley's

Galli-Curci and Heifetz Records are attracting unusual attention and merit it. Records, Fourth Floor.

THE NEW The New---Has Captured The Whole Store

New Suits, New Frocks, New Cottons, New Hats, New Coats, New Silks, New Footwear.

Charming New Wool Jersey Dresses

The Wool Jersey frock is a very desirable garment for spring wear. It is smart, useful and inexpensive, and very fashionable. These clever dresses are variously fashioned, showing the prevailing tunic influence, whether developed in gathers, pleats or long straight lines. For the waists there are various effects, divers styles of collars and belts, etc.

Colors are green, navy, sand, the new blues, grey, etc.

\$25.00 to \$35.00



Women With New Suits Are Wearing Them Now

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Delayed shipments have arrived making our assortment much larger and better in every way.

We cannot adequately describe the charm and beauty of these newly arrived groups. All of the season's accepted styles in serge, tricot, silvertone, gabardine, Poirer twill, jersey and tweed are here in plain tailored or dressy models. Pony, Eton or long jackets. Plain or Tunic style skirts. All prices.

\$20.00 Up

New Silks and Dress Cottons

In a world of new and fascinating patterns are to be found in our dress goods section, that is known far and wide for the up-to-dateness and completeness of its stocks.

New Silks in practically all the wanted weaves and colors. Dress cottons in new designs and colorings.

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Especially Appropriate for Smart Separate Skirts is \$1.00 Yard.

Resembles Palm Beach Cloth in texture and finish, and is shown in plaids, checks and a few plain colors.



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To get the right corset you must have an opportunity to choose from corsets designed especially for your figure. The assistance of our corsetiere will prove most helpful too. She will gladly show you the new models in American Lady, Gossard, Nemo, Lyra.

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New Millinery

The Most Exquisite Fashions That Have Been Seen in Some Time.

The selection of shapes is practically unlimited. The sailor with brim, straight, rolling or mushroom, is always good, while the showing of smaller, more simply fitting hats is quite inclusive. Poke shapes, Bustle effects, turbans and toques in styles to suit any face. The diversity in colors is so great that scarcely one shade is neglected. African Brown, Crow Blue, Pearl Gray, Purple, Artillery Red, Green, shades of sand and Biege and all black.

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30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.



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Stops Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Gases, Sourness and Stomach Distress

Eat "Pape's Diapepsin" like Candy—Makes Upset Stomachs feel fine

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